

REMARKS

Claims 76 and 108 are pending. In accordance with page 13 of the outstanding Office Action dated January 29, 2004, claim 76 has been amended to place it condition for allowance. New claim 108 has been added and claims the sequence of method claim 76. Applicants respectfully request allowance of this claim because it contains the same polynucleotide of claim 76, which has already been searched by the Examiner. The other claims have been canceled, rendering the outstanding rejections moot.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application are requested. An early notice in this regard is earnestly solicited. In the event that any issues remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any proposal to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,


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